

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application and entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicants acknowledge the withdrawal of U.S. Patent No. 5,399,497 to Kumar et al as a reference.

New claims 61-69 have been presented in a sincere effort to overcome the rejections under 35 USC §112 and to expedite the prosecution of this application to an early allowance.

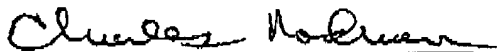
Independent claim 61 addresses the issues raised by the examiner on pages 2-4 of the Office Action and is believed to obviate the rejection. Support for claim 61 and dependent claims 62-69 appears in the Specification at pages 10-13, 15-21 and Figs. 6-12. No new matter has been added.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection under the first paragraph of 35 USC §112 as stated on pages 2-4 of the Office Action, and the rejection under the second paragraph of 35 USC §112 as stated on pages 4-6 of the Office Action has been obviated.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this Amendment should now place this application in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

If the examiner finds any remaining issues which still need to be resolved, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney be contacted by telephone at (914) 949-7210 to discuss a resolution of these issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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